Amendments to the Specification:

Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 with the following replacement paragraph:

One of the side walls 5 of the base member may be substantially straight and in substantially the same plane throughout its length and height as shown in Fig. 3 to strengthen the base member against flexing along its length. The other side wall 6 may also be substantially straight and parallel to the one side wall 5 except for an intermediate length ~~14~~ 21 of the other side wall which may extend laterally outwardly to provide the base member with a wider intermediate width than end widths for containing the mounting hole.

Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following replacement paragraph:

End lengths 19, 20 of the other side wall 6 may be in substantial alignment with each other in parallel spaced relation from the one side wall 5. Intermediate length 21 of the other side wall may have outwardly angled end portions 22, 23 extending toward each other adjacent opposite sides of the mounting hole to resist flexing of the wall of the mounting hole. Extending between end portions 22, 23 in parallel spaced relation from the one side wall 5 is an intermediate portion 24 of the intermediate length 21 of the other side wall. ~~Center~~ The center 25 of mounting hole 7 extends in a direction substantially perpendicular to the intermediate length of the top wall 3 and may be substantially in the same plane as the end lengths 19, 20 of the other side wall 6 which

is substantially perpendicular to the intermediate length of the top wall as shown in Figs. 3 and 5.

Page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

Although the dimensions of base member 2 may vary, in one form of the invention, the base member has an overall length of approximately 48 inches, a width of approximately 7 3/8 inches at the widest portion, a width of approximately 3 5/8 inches at the narrower end portions and a maximum height of approximately 6 inches. In this embodiment of the invention the intermediate width of the base member is somewhat more than twice as wide as the end widths. Different sized mounting holes 7 may be provided in the base member that are sized to closely receive different sized end portions of elongated members. For example, mounting hole 7 may be a 4-inch square hole for receiving 4-inch square end portions of plastic upright posts or a 2-inch square hole for receiving 2-inch square standard metal posts for supporting a type III barricade or other portable device as desired. This allows the width of the mounting hole to extend widthwise inwardly and outwardly of the end widths of the other side wall 6 as shown in Fig. 3.

Page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 with the following replacement paragraph:

Mounting hole 7 may be provided with a plurality of laterally spaced longitudinally extending ribs 30 on all four sides of the mounting hole that are transversely rounded as shown in Figs. 1, 3 and 5 to give the ribs added strength and still allow some flexing of

the ribs to permit slightly oversized end portions of elongated members to be inserted into such mounting hole. In addition, the radius of ribs 30 may provide line contact with the exterior of elongated members to maintain vertical alignment of the elongated members in the mounting hole and reduce surface friction between the elongated members and ribs for ease of insertion of the elongated members into the mounting holes and to allow the elongated members to more easily break away from the base support if a traffic barricade 10 or other device supported by the elongated members is impacted by a vehicle, leaving the base member behind, thereby minimizing damage to the vehicle. Also depending on how heavily the barricade or other device is damaged upon impact, the barricade or other device may be reassembled onto the base supports for use as is, or with minimal replacement of one or more damaged components of the barricade or other device supported by the base supports. Further, the axial outermost ends of ribs 30 at one or both ends of mounting hole 7 may be axially rounded to facilitate insertion of the elongated members into the mounting hole from either end. When an elongated member is inserted into the mounting hole, the bottom end of the elongated member desirably rests on the ground or other support surface to support the majority of the weight carried by the elongated member.

Page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 19 with the following replacement paragraph:

Anti-skid pads 33 may be attached to the bottom wall 4 of base member 2 adjacent opposite end portions 34, 35 for increased stability. <u>The skid pads 33 may be annular and have a diameter greater than the width of the end portions 34, 35 as shown</u>

in the various drawing figures. Suitable arcuate recesses 36 (see Figs. 4 and 5) may be provided in the bottom wall at the end portions in which arcuate portions of the anti-skid pads are received to aid in locating the anti-skid pads on the bottom wall. Any suitable adhesive may be used to adhere the anti-skid pads to the bottom wall. Also suitable fasteners such as screws, bolts, staples or rivets may be used to secure the anti-skid pads in place. If fasteners are used, the top wall 3 of base member 2 may have angled surfaces 37, 38 that slope outwardly toward the bottom wall 4 toward the end portions 34, 35 which may be made relatively thin and substantially solid to facilitate attachment of the anti-skid pads to the bottom wall end portions. Also the top of the end portions may be provided with raised ribs 39 for increased strength. Locating the fill hole 31 in one of the angled surfaces 37, 38 of top wall 3 will make it easier to fill the base member through the fill hole when the base member is stood up on the end furthest from the fill hole.

Page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 33 with the following replacement paragraph:

A carrying handle 40 may be provided on the base support for ease of mobility and carrying of multiple base supports. Preferably carrying handle 40 extends axially from the exterior of one end portion ~~24~~ 22 of the intermediate length 21 of the other side wall 6 along an exterior portion of the end length 20 of the other side wall 6 toward the end containing the fill hole 31 for grasping during filling of the support member with fill material. Also carrying handle 40 desirably does not protrude laterally outwardly beyond the intermediate length 21 of the other side wall 6 and is confined within the

total height dimension of the base member so the carrying handle is out of the way during use or shipment or storage of the base support. Two or more spaced apart stacking projections or ribs 41 may be provided on the top or bottom wall 3, 4 of the base support for receipt in a pair of corresponding recesses 42 (see Fig. 5) on the other of the top and bottom walls for receipt of the stacking ribs to maintain a plurality of the base supports in alignment with one another when stacked one on top of another.